

TCSU Open Meeting Minutes **13th October 2002**

Present: 47 members of the TCSU, of whom 9 were members of the TCSU Committee.

Minutes of the last meeting

There were no amendments to the last meeting minutes

The question of what the motion was at the last meeting was asked, to which the Secretary asked that the proposer of the motion, **Mr Shane Malik**, would explain the motion to those who were not present at the last meeting. Mr Malik replied that he could not remember, as he did not have a photographic memory, and that it was close to 3 months ago that the motion was written. The President then said that he would explain the motion, which he did.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Committee Reports

Miss Ayesha Noorani reported that

- 1) the remained CUSU cards will be processed in the College Bar from 6-8pm on Thursday.
- 2) There is to be a CUSU night at the Junction on the 17th October, from 9pm to 2am. This would be 9 pounds for freshers, and free shuttle buses would be provided.
- 3) CUSU Council is to be held on the 23rd October, all are welcome, but cannot vote. The motions will be given out soon.
- 4) The TCSU website will soon have a CUSU section, with links to other related websites, a discussion forum, and more CUSU information.
- 5) CUSU is conducting a petition to improve lighting on the Backs, which is circulating if anyone is interested.
- 6) CUSU is aware of the threat of top-up fees, including the possibility of a 4000 pound surcharge.

Mr Jim Fields reported that the Freshers' ent went really well, and that we now have new stocks of alcohol, which will lead to more consistent pricing.

Mr Baz Kirmani reported that he has held talks with the Sub-Librarian, and the BA committee with regard to library lighting.

Mr Sam Morgan reported that he has been dealing periodically with small rooms-related issues.

Mr Pawan Passi reported that a budget is being written for this year, and that the financial year for the TCSU accounts will run from the term elected, which would mean that the

treasurer then becomes more accountable for his or her particular term in office. The TCSU account now stands at £ 2473.

Miss Maria Hawks reported that not much was going on with respect to Access, but she has been talking with the Admissions Department about a pamphlet resembling a mini-Handbook for those who have been offered places, for there is currently a long time period between finding out if one has been accepted, and getting any other literature on Trinity. She then asked that anyone wishing to write anything for this should contact her in the near future, and that advertisements relating to this will appear in future copies of Travisty.

Miss Lara Hewitt reported that there is to be a Welfare Committee meeting in the TCSU office on Saturday at 3pm.

Miss Corrina Trevail reported that she has been arranging all the Freshers' Week ents, and that the WPR has been redone over the holidays. There is to be an R 'n' B night on Friday, and a Drum 'n' Bass night the week after that. There are preliminary efforts to arrange for a Funk Da Bar-style ent in the WPR twice termly.

Mr John Fremlin reported that he has had a meeting with the Computing Manager with regard to a new virus program, for which volunteers are needed. The TCSU website was down due to hackers over the holidays, and a temporary website was set up by **Mr Tom Huckstep, Miss Jessie Zhang, Mr Yin and Mr Baz Kirmani**. The old site is back up, and the address is <http://tcsu.trin.cam.ac.uk>.

Miss Jessie Zhang reported that she has been working for Freshers' week events, and has been involved in much of the preparation for Freshers' week, including the college parents scheme, mailing, and the website.

Miss Naomi Wiseman reported that Travisty now has an extensive sports page, societies page, and TCMS page. She is also setting up a new editorial committee, and would like to hear from anyone who is interesting in getting involved with Travisty.

Miss Jacqui Griffiths reported that she has been organizing WoT talks, the WoT Brunch, and other events due for later this term.

Mr Abhiroop Lal reported that he has been working on Overseas contacts, and events for overseas students, including an afternoon tea for overseas students.

Mr Krunal Jashapara reported that he has been involved in the organization of Freshers' Week, getting deals for TCSU members and general organization.

Statements

There were no statements.

Questions to the Committee

Mr Lincoln Whalley stated that in his term, he had negotiated with the Steward at the time that the KFC would be frozen, with the aim that it would be abolished in the near future. Now, not only has the KFC gone up, but the prices of certain things in Hall seems to have

risen as well. **Mr Jashapara** stated that he would talk to **Mr Reinhardt**, the Catering Manager about this matter, to which **MR Whalley** replied that it was really more of a question for **Mr Fields**. **Mr Fields** replied that he had been to see the current Steward, **Dr Boyd Hilton**, about this matter, though the college's response seemed to be doubtful. **Mr Fields** said that since then, there have been various times proposed for a meeting between himself and Dr Hilton, though the meeting never materialized – Though he would see Dr Hilton again soon. **Mr Fields** then suggested that he may carry out a college-wide referendum or survey on this matter. In **Mr Fields'** opinion, the individual prices in Hall have not risen; if there are any queries about catering, all comments ought to be made in writing in the comments book, which is in the Buttery.

Mr Lincoln Whalley then stated that the original agreement was that the KFC would be abolished, *then* the itemized billing would come in.

Mr Chris Jenkins pointed out that there were many irregularities about the pricing, especially between that which the undergraduates pay, and that which the BA students pay.

Mr Shane Malik asked Mr Jim Fields if the desserts were now exclusively vegetarian, to which **Mr Fields** replied that Mr Reinhardt was still looking into it. Gelatine, as far as the Junior Steward was aware, was still being used in puddings.

Mr Lincoln Whalley then pointed out that the servers do not know whether something is strictly vegetarian or not. **Mr Jim Fields** said that this was part of the overall problem. At all times though, there is a senior server, who **is** aware of whether something is strictly vegetarian or not, though they may not always be on hand to answer those kind of queries.

Mr Shane Malik asked if the Freshers have been told about this, to which Mr Jim Fields replied that he will go and see Mr Reinhardt about the matter.

Mr Shane Malik then wondered where the magazines are, that are supposed to be in the JCR. **Mr Jashapara** replied that Mr Morgan has just paid for the subscriptions, since they were terminated over the holidays, and we expect them to arrive soon.

Mr Shane Malik wondered if Mr Passi was going to do a budget. **Mr Passi** stated that he had already done so in his committee report.

Mr Shane Malik stated that those present ought to vote on the budget, to which **Mr Passi** asked what the vote would be for, **Mr Malik** replied that they would be voting on the proposal. **Mr Jashapara** said that this would be done at the next open meeting.

Mr Shane Malik asked what had happened to the termcards that Helen was to do. **Miss Naomi Wiseman** replied that they are going to be in Travisty.

Mr Shane Malik asked when the website was going to be sorted. **Mr John Fremlin** then asked what Mr Malik meant by 'sorted', for the website is already back online.

Mr Shane Malik then stated that if TCSU committee meetings were not going to be held every week in Easter term, then this ought to be proposed at the next open meeting, for it is in the Constitution to do things like this.

Questions to CUSU Representative

Mr Shane Malik asked Miss Ayesha Noorani where he could find out more about CUSU events, to which she replied that all the relevant information could be found on the website.

Motions**MOTION ONE**
DRUMKIT IN COLLEGE

Mr Chris Jenkins, proposer of the motion spoke for the motion, stating that it stood up for different genres of music, including Jazz, Rock, Concert bands, practitioners of which are all at a disadvantage. The various rooms around college for music practice are not sound-proof enough for a drum-kit. At this point, **Mr Matt Seden** offered a point of information, that a decent drum-kit would only cost in the region of £500. **Mr Jenkins** also suggested that the hiring out of the drum-kit may then also pay for itself, and proposed an amendment that the following be included in the TCSU Resolves section:

3) To look into possible funding methods.

A vote was called for the amendment, with the following results:

43 For
2 Against
1 Abstention

Mr Aidan Sproat pointed out that TCMS will probably not be subsidizing the drum kit, as it did not really have the budget for it.

Mr Jenkins stated that the motion was not asking for any sort of funding, but just wanted people to vote for a drum kit.

Mr Jim Fields pointed out that the WPR would not really be suitable, as people already complain about noise from ents, to which MR Jenkins replied that it had previously been utilized as a practice room.

A vote on the motion was called for, with the following results:

43 For
1 Against
3 Abstentions

Motion Passed

MOTION TWO
LIBRARY READING LIGHTS

There was a short speech by **Mr Kirmani**, in which the motion was reiterated.

Mr Lincoln Whalley proposed that there be a move to vote, seconded by **Baz Kirmani**.

A vote was held, with the following results:

43 For
1 Against
3 Abstentions

Motion passed

MOTION THREE
DISABLED GUEST ROOM

There was a short speech for the motion, in which the motion was reiterated, after which a vote was held with the following results:

44 For
0 Against
0 Abstentions

Motion passed

AOB

Mr Shane Malik wondered what was happening with the external arial in the JCR, to which **Mr Jashapara** replied that the Clerk of Works has already said to TCSU that this would be incredibly difficult to arrange, and that currently, there is already limited reception in the JCR.

Mr Shane Malik asked what was happening with the Blue Boar Common Room Video Cable. **Mr Jashapara** replied that this was replaced last year.

Meeting closed at 8:15pm